



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: More than 36 million adults in the United States cannot read or write. In Washington, one in six adults lack the basic skills needed to get a livable wage job; and

Whereas: While the literacy rate in Washington and the Seattle area is relatively high, it is an issue for the poorest residents, including immigrants and refugees who weren't able to complete school in their native countries; and

Whereas: Only 14% of foreign-born adults living in Seattle with limited English proficiency are employed; and

Whereas: In King County, organizations such as Literacy Source provide free, learner-centered basic education to more than 1,000 low-income adults each year. Adult education and family literacy programs help adults obtain a high school equivalence degree and prepare for postsecondary education or training; and

Whereas: By promoting adult education and family literacy, we can ensure that all parents in East King County are prepared to help their children read medicine bottles, navigate public transportation and complete homework for school.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **Sept. 19-25, 2021** as:

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

I urge every resident to support Literacy Source, Hopelink, Bellevue College and other organizations by volunteering or giving, as well as advocating for government to make adult literacy a priority.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue